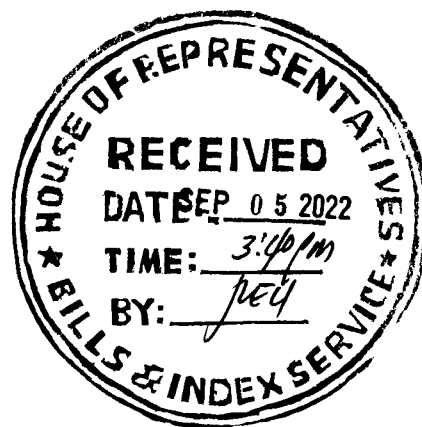




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HOUSE BILL No. 4436



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA) is a government subsidy provided to all government workers as economic relief. Currently, with the effects of inflation, rising prices of commodities, as well as the spike in oil prices, it is necessary that time is taken to review the PERA received by government employees, particularly by our public-school teachers. Due to the recent developments discussed, the current amount given to public school teachers is clearly insufficient to shoulder their everyday expenses.

The World Bank has issued a study this year stating that the ninety percent (90%) of children in the Philippines still struggle with reading simple texts at age ten (10).¹ In a report issued by the Strait Times, the Philippines ranked the highest in terms of learning poverty in Asia.²

Faced with these glaring statistics, finding a solution to solve this issue is paramount. But part of solving it is looking into how we can support our teachers in order to address the problems faced by our education system. In our current state, our public-school teachers will not be able to perform their tasks effectively if they constantly worry about their survival day in and day out.

Currently, the PERA given to public school teachers only amounts to Two Thousand Pesos (PhP/2,000.00) which is insufficient to give them relief from the soaring prices of necessities.

In this bill, we propose to increase the PERA received by public school teachers in order to lessen the burden and impact of inflation and increasing prices of commodities. By doing so, we ensure that our public-school teachers are shielded from economic hardship and in turn, they can effectively perform their duties as educators and help address the issue of learning poverty that the Filipino youth is currently experiencing.

¹ <https://interaksyon.philstar.com/politics-issues/2022/08/08/224499/crisis-in-education-pinoys-fret-over-philippines-high-learning-poverty-rate/>

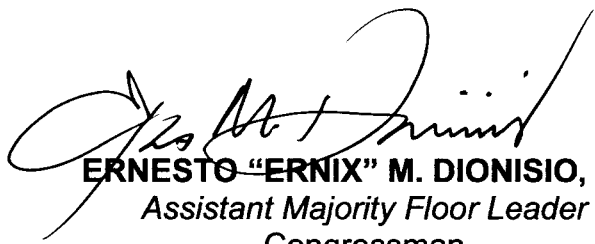
² https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/years-of-remote-schooling-exacerbate-learning-poverty-among-filipino-children?fbclid=IwAR0MKOhIRHCWQaDbCSXQY_u8Lyz-24vFLBxYSc03CV7OR4QcdBokcYVRwbU



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AN ACT
PROVIDING AN INCREASE AND AN AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM
IN THE PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE (PERA) GRANTED TO
PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA). – The Personnel Economic Relief Allowance (PERA) being granted to public school teachers shall be subject to an automatic yearly adjustment equivalent to any increase of the annual inflation rate in the country.

The Department of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Department of Finance, shall annually increase said PERA equivalent to the increase in the annual inflation rate of the country.

SECTION 2. Increase in the Personnel Economic Relief Allowance. – The Personnel Economic Relief Allowance of public school teachers is hereby increased from the present Two Thousand Pesos (PhP/2,000.00) to Five Thousand Pesos (PhP/5,000.00) per month.

SECTION 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Department of Budget and Management, in coordination with the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall issue the corresponding implementing rules and regulations within fifteen (15) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 4. Appropriations. – For the first year of the implementation of this Act, funds necessary for the PERA of public school teachers shall be charged against current appropriations. Thereafter, funds needed in subsequent year shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. – Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.



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SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.